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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Amendment is made to the claims, as follows:

3. (Amended) Process according to [one of the preceding claims]

Claim 1, wherein the at least one solderable surface is formed by depositing at least one solderable layer of metal by means of

chemical reduction or cementation.

(Amended) Process according to [one of the preceding claims]
 <u>Claim 1</u>, wherein the at least one bondable surface is produced to serve as a functional surface.